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MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Date November 10, 1981

To Albert Vorspan

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*Write SCA to
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Please arrange to contact her and have a briefing with you, Joe and Ted.

Ted will be the staff member. Rose will be our key lay representative.

If the SCA people have to be notified at any way, by all means do so.

*460 Overhill Rd.
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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

November 10, 1981

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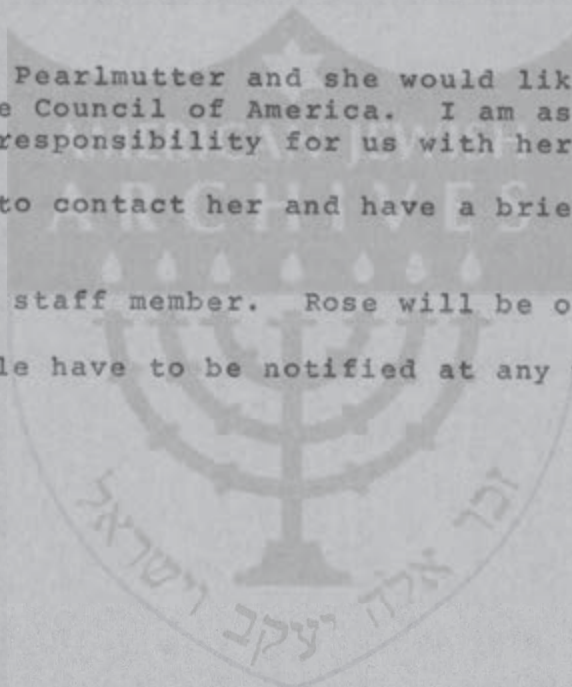
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Apartment
with Rose
Pearlman

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MEMORANDUM

From Theodore K. Broido
To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Date 10/23/81

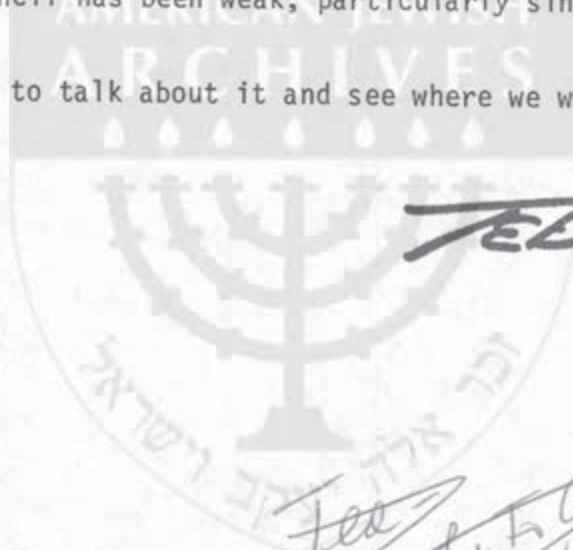
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*Held for
mtg w/
Rose Perlmutter.*

I am sure that by the time you get this you will have seen Joe Glaser's memo of October 14 concerning the Synagogue Council.

Joe has been talking to me about our need to beef up our representation and to have someone from "staff" take a hand in Synagogue Council matters. I get the impression that he would like me to become more involved. While I am not anxious to sign up as crew on a "drowning ship" I nonetheless agree with Joe that the problem is becoming very serious and we do have a stake either in the Synagogue Council's future or its eventual demise. Our representation to the Council has been weak, particularly since Balfour has left our staff.

We really ought to talk about it and see where we want to go.



TED

*See
Staple to Al. W. L. L. L.
you to hand*



Synagogue Council

September 24, 1981

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
Temple Beth Am
5950 N. Kendall Drive
Miami, FL 33156

Dear Rabbi Baumgard:

Unfortunately, Rabbi Schindler didn't have an opportunity to return your telephone call in regard to the Synagogue Council prior to his departure for Australia and New Zealand. I do want you to know, however, that your request did not go unheeded. We have today sent a check in the amount of \$1500. to the SCA.

With every good wish for the New Year and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

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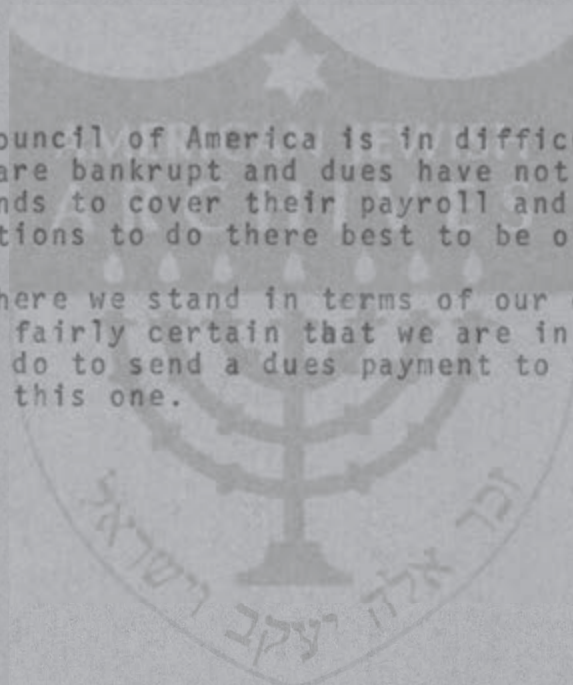
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 18, 1981

Joshua Dwork

Handwritten: Pump
The Synagogue Council of America is in difficulty financially. I am told they are bankrupt and dues have not been coming in. They require funds to cover their payroll and are asking all member organizations to do there best to be of assistance.

I do not know where we stand in terms of our dues payments to the SCA but I'm fairly certain that we are in arrears. Please see what we can do to send a dues payment to the SCA. Do the best you can on this one.



SCA

cc Paul
LAS

May 29, 1981

Rabbi Bernard J. Mandelbaum
Synagogue Council of America
10 East 40th Street
New York, NY 10018

Dear Rabbi Mandelbaum:

Your memorandum of May 13 in regard to a Registration Program of Torah scrolls has been referred to me since I have been investigating a similar photo copy method of identification for possible use among UAHC congregations.

While I have a copy of Henry Weiss' letter of April 17 to Rabbi Teplitz, I did not receive the "Details on this Torah Registration project" which is described on the application forms. Since the letter to Rabbi Teplitz is vague, I would need much more information before I could consider informing our affiliated congregations.

With appreciation for your prompt response, I am

Sincerely,

Myron E. Schoen, FTA

cc: Rabbis Alexander Schindler & Joseph Glaser

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

March 25, 1981

Josh Dwork

SCA

We have received notification from the Synagogue Council of America that dues for 1979-80 are still due in the sum of \$1,000. They have also requested 1980-81 dues in the sum of \$6,000.

When you can, will you please arrange to make payment on the 1979-80 balance in the sum of \$1,000.

Thank you.



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March 23, 1981

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex:

I have but a brief period before I conclude my presidency of the Synagogue Council of America, and a number of matters require my attention.

I fully appreciate the circumstances and many responsibilities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. However, the dues picture of two of our constituent agencies should be corrected.

Whereas four of our organizations have already made payments for 1981, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations still owes us \$1,000. from 1980. I would personally be very grateful if this could be taken care of as soon as possible. Needless to say, even a partial payment for 1981 would be a tremendous help at this time.

My warm personal greetings.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Lelyveld

AJL:ilb
enc.

P.S. A full statement is enclosed.

cc: Mr. Albert Vorspan

*Relay to Torah
Wholeness by
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Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld
President

8 Tishri 5741
September 18, 1980

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President, UAHC
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I received a call from Judith Mischel and then found your note when I got to my study. I too find it hard to believe that Rabbi Mandelbaum would tell one of the officers of the Synagogue Council that he would have to try to unseat her for, of course, he knows that both as the representative of the Union and as an elected officer of the Synagogue Council she could not be dismissed by simple fiat of the executive vice president.

I shared the same reaction with Judith and also told her that I look forward to seeing her at the plenary session on October 8. I feel confident that Rabbi Mandelbaum will have this matter resolved before that.

My very cordial greetings.

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Sincerely,

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

AJL:et

cc: Mrs. Judith Mischel
Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



September 17, 1980

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex:

I appreciate your note about the call you apparently received from Judith Mischel. Of course, it is always best to put such matters right on the table and get a full picture of the situation. Before giving you the picture of exactly what happened, may I point out that I did not raise some \$60,000,000 for the Seminary in my last seven years there and find myself pulling the Synagogue Council of America out of an accumulated deficit of \$300,000 by the end of this year by doing things as stupid as that attributed to me. Therefore, the following is what happened:

1) I called Judy Mischel and told her of the basic challenge which faces me in building up a devoted Plenum and especially an Executive Committee with a good group of officers. I pointed out that constituent organizations, subject to many pressures, do not always find it possible to give fullest consideration to designating representatives with special interest in the Synagogue Council of America. As an example, I described what happened in the many conversations with Julie Berman of the Orthodox Union. They appointed an Orthodox representative as corresponding secretary by the name of Howard Rhine of Brooklyn. It was clear to me that he was not really interested both in terms of taking on any special assignments or making any kind of contribution. I discussed this with Mr. Rhine and he himself said I was 100% justified and I should take it up with Mr. Berman. After two recommendations as possible replacements, Mr. Berman approved of the substitution of a Mr. Joselit, Vice President of the Lincoln Square Synagogue.

I have had similar discussions and exchanges with rabbis and lay people of other constituent groups and their executives.

2) With this same policy, I decided to call Judy Mischel before talking to you because I had taken up a related matter with her in June. At that time we were faced with an emergency to meet the costs necessary for severing and liquidation of the \$145,000 annual budget of the Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research in Washington, which I have now integrated in our regular budget. I told Judy that I was speaking to individual Plenum members and especially officers for a possible one time special contribution. She promised to get back to me after discussing it with her husband, but I never heard from her.

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To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

September 17, 1980

As an officer, she received an invitation to be a member of our Covenant of Peace Awards dinner on October 30. The invitation made it perfectly clear that becoming a member of the committee does not involve any financial commitment whatsoever. When she did not respond to this (the other officers did one way or another, mostly affirmative), and we did not receive her answer to an invitation to our first committee meeting in the Plaza Hotel, I decided it was time to have the same conversation with her that I did with the former corresponding secretary, Mr. Rhine.

In the course of the conversation I did point out that we were very grateful for her \$1,000 contribution for the Cambodian Relief Fund which, of course, was not only not a gift to the Synagogue Council of America but involved a budgetary expenditure on our part to handle this project. In the light of this generous contribution and the conversation that I had with her in June, I repeated the request and hope that she could help by subscribing to the dinner. I want to be very clear that I put the entire thing in the context of her total participation and evidence of commitment to the Synagogue Council of America. Someone in this position should be an involved person - in terms of time, thought and financial support, if they are capable of doing so.

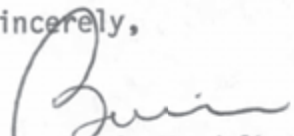
I am sure you will take my word, although you can check with any of the officers, that I never talk to any of them about financial contributions if I do not believe that they are in a position to do something of some kind and in some way.

After receiving your letter, I called Judy Mischel to tell her that she should not feel it necessary to come to the fund raising meeting today and would she please call you and tell you that I gave her such information. When I began to read your letter she hung up on me.

Clearly, we will be guided by your decision in this matter. However, as a colleague and as a person of fairness, you should give consideration to my urgent request now that a person of such rude, unfriendly attitude - who has made absolutely no constructive contribution to the programs of the SCA and has not contributed anything ever to SCA - should not occupy a major office as your representative. Be assured that I will not speak to her about this and no action will, of course, be taken until I hear word from you.

If we cannot be open, frank and forthright in this season of the year, when then?

Sincerely,



Bernard J. Mandelbaum

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September 15, 1980

Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Bernie:

It was surprising to learn that a member of the UAHC delegation to the SCA received a call from you seeking a contribution to the SCA and indicating if such a contribution and "involvement" with the SCA was not forthcoming you would have to get someone else to represent the Union. Needless to note, this was very distressing to me and I find it hard to believe that you would make such a statement. After all, our representatives are not named by you but rather by our leadership. They are selected to serve because they are caring Jews who want to be involved, in working toward the goals our community has set.

I am eager to hear from you in this connection.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: Mrs. Judith Mischel
Al Vorspan

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld

A quick note from

RABBI BERNARD MANDELBAUM

to RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

OK
June 12, 1980
SCA

Dear Alex:

The enclosed is self-explanatory.
However, it did serve another purpose:
it reminds me of what I have thought
many, many times this year: I should
have the privilege of meeting with you
to discuss my plans, dreams, and
frustrations.

I await word from you for a date that
would meet with your convenience.

Cordially,

Set after 7/1/82
August

Bern

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



June 12, 1980

28 Sivan 5740

Mr. Dale W. Fields
ACE Syndicate
Terminal Box 2782
Spokane, Washington 99220

Dear Mr. Fields:

Rabbi Schindler's assistant sent me a copy of your letter to him and her response to you.

We all certainly share your deep concern for the welfare of the American hostages in Iran. Inasmuch as the Synagogue Council of America is the coordinating organization for all three groups of the American Jewish religious community on matters of this kind, I would be happy to follow through on your suggestion. However, there are a number of important considerations which I must bring to your attention:

1. As you know, the Sabbath is the day of prayer for the Jewish community. Thus, in all such announcements - i.e. when the American people expressed prayers on behalf of the Cambodian refugees - it was a call for prayer on Saturday and Sunday. Thus, if the period of August 3rd is appropriate, there should be a call for prayer on Saturday August 2nd, and Sunday, August 3rd.
2. In any such announcement, I suggest that the tone of the call to prayer be something like the following:
"We will pray for the welfare of the hostages and, hopefully by that time, we will be in a position to express thanks for their release."
3. To be effective, it should have the cooperation of the religious groups which you suggested in your letter. Incidentally, from the point of view of the Jewish religious community, the United Synagogue of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which you mention in your letter, as well as the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which you did not mention, are all constituent members of the Synagogue Council of America. It would also be important to have their reaction to the date which you suggest.

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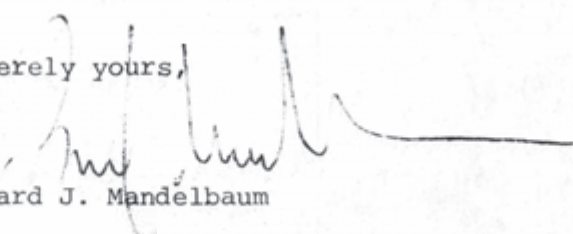
Mr. Dale W. Fields
June 12, 1980

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I know that we hope it will be a call for a Service of Thanksgiving.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,


Bernard J. Mandelbaum

BJM:hfe
cc/Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler



June 10, 1980

Mr. Dale W. Fields
ACE Syndicate
Terminal Box 2782
Spokane, Washington 99220

Dear Mr. Fields:

As Rabbi Schindler is out-of-the-country and not due to return until the end of June, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 5.

I am taking the liberty of sharing your letter with the Synagogue Council of America, the coordinating body for the three lay and rabbinic organizations of American Jewry. They should be apprised of this call for a special day of prayer for the safe releases of our hostages in Iran.

With kindest greetings and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President

CC: Synagogue Council of America

bcc: Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum
Rabbi Balfour Brickner

I don't have the vaguest idea as to who Mr. Fields is or what he represents.

EJM

TERMINAL BOX 2782, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99220

ACE SYNDICATE

DALE W. FIELDS



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(509) 327-3212

June 5, 1980

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing for hundreds of persons who are asking that you ask all regional officials of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to make Sunday, August 3, the day to pray for the safe release of American hostages in Iran.

We are writing to the World Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Churches of America, the United Synagogue of America, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Seventh Day Adventist church and to you as President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

And we are also writing to President Jimmy Carter and a copy of this letter is going to him. We are asking that the President make this day one in which he asks all Americans to pray for the safe release of our hostages in Iran.

Please reply and please drop the President a letter. We chose August 3 because it gives enough time for all churches to announce in their magazines, newsletters and bulletins to their members that Sunday, August 3, is the day for concerted prayer.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale W. Fields".

Dale W. Fields
Owner

cc: President Jimmy Carter
brm

[Handwritten signature]

December 23, 1969

Mr. Robert L. Adler
175 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Bob,

I have your letter concerning the Synagogue Council of America.

Needless to say, we will do what we possibly can for the Synagogue Council of America, although it is entirely too early for me to promise anything; so much depends upon the budget that will be available for us.

Warm good wishes.

Cordially,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath

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ROBERT L. ADLER
VICE PRESIDENT



December 18, 1969

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
UAHC
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi:

I just received a copy of Rabbi Brickner's letter to Josh Dwork relative to the Synagogue Council of America and I want to add my little two cents worth. As you know, I feel most keenly on this subject and think we really have to make the kind of commitment that will make the S.C.A. secure.

As you know, last time around we started late on the matter and we had to augment the budgeted figures with a "special" allotment from the "miscellaneous" area of the budget.

Now we should recognize that the S.C.A. has come of age and we must not treat it shabbily. I cannot understand how we cannot allocate an amount equal to that budgeted from the NCRAC.

I am not sure of the procedure but hope this will be given every consideration. If there is anything I should formalistically be doing, please give the courtesy of proper advice. Am I now going in the proper channels or should I also write to others about this?

As I mentioned to you, I have undertaken to do the same prodding to the other agencies and already have a commitment from the United Synagogue. I met with Henry Rappaport (then the president) and he agreed to obtain better financial support (equal to NCRAC support).

December 18, 1969

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
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The CCAR is being contacted by Rabbi Blank and
my next chore is the orthodox. I will keep at
it but need your help with the U.A.H.C.

Thanks for your patience and understanding (I hope).

Best regards,



Robert L. Adler

RLA:bg



MEMORANDUM

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
To Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser
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Subject CONFIDENTIAL

Date June 12, 1978

Gil's response to my note of May 25 is self-explanatory. It appears that your understanding and Gil's do not coincide. Does the Research Institute allow for a "cut-off in stages" if the money does not develop?

Incidentally, what Henry indicated to you is not so and according to my source his is an active candidate both for the Memorial Foundation and especially for the American Jewish Congress post.

Please let me have your judgment and let's not make any commitment. Try to delay matters as much as possible. If Henry does leave it will give us a good chance to look at the SCA and see how we want the organization to go.

cc: *Gil*
Encl.

Alex: you and I seem to have had a misunderstanding. I was not talking about staged cut-offs but only about one cut back in the Institute budget which was agreed upon, in the event there was a short-fall in income in the one income line questioned by Gil. Henry feels that line is very secure. The amount in question is \$30,000. The safety expense line involves a possible cut of \$15,000. It looks OK. I explained this to Gil but you'd better share this note with him so we are all in complete agreement as to what we are talking about, if not in our conclusions.





RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100

May 25, 1978

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Dear Gil:

This is to let you know that I had a long talk with Joe Glaser in regard to the SCA budget. I don't believe the matter has to be brought to the June Board meeting.

With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Apparently, the commitments will be made only in stages, as the money comes in.

Alex — This fact was not mentioned at the meeting — And even if it were, I wouldn't buy it. You know how difficult it is to cut off a program once you've engaged special personnel etc, etc — Love and thanks — Gil

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



WASHINGTON OFFICE: 1776 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 (202) 872-1337

October 25, 1978

Rabbi Daniel Polish
Associate Director

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

Now that I have assumed my responsibilities as Acting Executive Vice President of the Synagogue Council, I want to take this opportunity to assure you that I will expend all the energy and whatever resources I possess on behalf of this organization which can play such an important role in American Jewish life. I hope that, with your help, I can maintain the SCA during this time of transition, and help carry out its mandate of representing our shared values and concerns.

I will be in New York regularly to oversee the work of our office there. I would like to talk with you to learn how the SCA can be of service to the Union, and what you think we should be doing at this time. I will be calling you soon to find a time that is convenient for you to meet with me.

I will be needing your help in the period ahead; I hope I can count on it.

With my best wishes for the New Year.

Cordially,

Rabbi Daniel Polish
Acting Executive Vice President

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(dictated, but not read)

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May 25, 1978

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

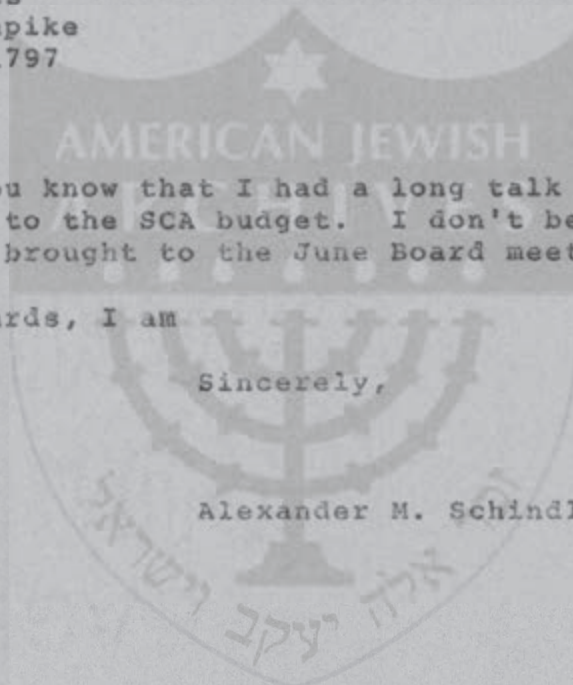
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With fondest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



May 22, 1978

Mr. Gilbert Tilles
7600 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Dear Gil:

Thank you for your letter of May 17. I am grateful for the detailed information on the 1978-79 Budget of the Synagogue Council of America. I will discuss the matter with Joe Glaser to determine his view and with that information at hand I will know how we are to handle this matter at the June Board meeting.

Many thanks and fondest regards from house to house -- and a special kiss for Rose.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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May 17, 1978

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

On May 10th, I attended a Synagogue Council Budget Committee Meeting with reference to the 1978-79 budget, and, quite frankly, I was quite unhappy with the presentation. In fact, I voted against the submitted document.

You ought to know that the expenses will increase by approximately \$130,000.00. It is anticipated that this will be somewhat offset by a projected increase in income by \$95,000.00.

The principal reason for the 30% increase in the expense portion of the budget results from reactivation of the Institute. Henry Siegman believes that this new life of the Institute will generate a great portion of the necessary income.

Needless to say, I am quite skeptical. I voted to turn this budget down on the basis of the fact that it is an unrealistic approach. However, I must inform you that I stood alone in this negative point of view.

For the past two years, Henry Siegman, with our prodding, has done a good job in keeping the financial structure on a sound basis, and the bottom line has indicated slight net results in the black.

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Rabbi Schindler

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May 17, 1978

It might be a good idea to talk to Joe Glaser and get his point of view. He was in the affirmative. I would like, after your discussion with him, to get your feeling as to whether or not this should be reported to the Board at the June meeting.

Always, love and kisses to you and to Rhea.



SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: Members of the Administration & Budget Committee
from: Rabbi Henry Siegmán
subject: Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th
date: May 8, 1978

In connection with the forthcoming May 10th meeting of the Committee, enclosed please find a financial statement containing information about the current fiscal year's experience, and a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year of 1977/78.

Kindest regards.

HS:hfe
Enclosures

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1977-78</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>9 MONTHS</u> <u>77-78</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u> <u>12 MONTHS</u> <u>77-78</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1978-79</u>
<u>Income</u>					
Dues	\$ 12,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 20,500	\$ 28,000
Congregations	12,693	30,000	28,178	33,178	50,000
Federations	38,184	45,000	32,015	36,000	40,000
Foundations	52,500	30,000	4,000	9,000	30,000
Individuals	154,137	175,000	64,435	134,436	150,000
H.E.W. Grant	5,095				
Institute		30,000	21,000	31,000	60,000
Annual Dinner	107,146	100,000	154,300	154,300	155,000
Other Income	<u>17,803</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>2,155.48</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total Income	<u>\$432,558</u>	<u>\$448,000</u>	<u>\$318,584.23</u>	<u>\$421,014</u>	<u>\$516,000</u>
<u>Expenses</u>					
Payroll	\$207,703	\$225,303	\$146,195.46	\$195,118.80	\$276,464
Other Expenses	<u>212,459</u>	<u>210,400</u>	<u>147,412.10</u>	<u>185,719.75</u>	<u>235,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$420,162</u>	<u>\$435,703</u>	<u>\$293,607.56</u>	<u>\$380,838.55</u>	<u>\$511,464</u>
Net	<u>\$ 12,396</u>	<u>\$ 12,297</u>	<u>\$ 24,976.67</u>	<u>\$ 40,175.45</u>	<u>\$ 4,536</u>

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EXPENSES

	Budget 1977-78	Total Estimate 1977-78	Proposed Budget 1978-79
Telephone & Cables	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,678.77	\$ 13,000.00
Meetings & Conferences	11,000.00	9,174.92	11,000.00
Office Suppl & Stat.	7,000.00	8,013.39	8,000.00
Postage	7,000.00	7,295.71	9,000.00
Mailing Service	3,000.00	1,378.98	2,000.00
Mats, Photos, Plaques & Gifts	1,500.00	1,472.05	1,500.00
Ads & Obits	500.00	283.00	500.00
Messenger Service	500.00	588.08	500.00
Printing & Publications	24,000.00	11,223.19	26,000.00
Travel & Fares	22,000.00	21,582.65	22,000.00
Subscriptions & Journals	2,000.00	2,126.34	2,200.00
Clipping Service	1,000.00	1,144.53	1,100.00
Org. Dues & Subventions	1,500.00	1,005.00	1,500.00
Mem. Fnd. for Jew. Cult.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Information	12,500.00	6,754.00	10,000.00
Research Fees & Honoraria	25,000.00	1,984.00	15,000.00
Interns & Fellowships	9,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00
Rent - New York	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Rent - Institute	8,100.00	8,377.00	8,400.00
Electricity	3,500.00	3,400.00	3,500.00
Equipment Service & Rental	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Purchases	2,500.00	1,000.00	8,500.00
Auditing	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Interest	15,000.00	11,553.33	15,000.00
Insurance	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Costs of Annual Dinner	25,000.00	50,384.81	50,000.00
Total	<u>\$210,400.00</u>	<u>\$185,719.35</u>	<u>\$235,000.00</u>



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RECEIPT NO.

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AMOUNT OF
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\$2,000.

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
ATT: Rabbi Alexander Schindler
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

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Adm. double check budget please

SAMUEL BROCHSTEIN
TREASURER

A - on a/c 1976-77 dues

3,000 - Budget

2,000 sent

This is a receipt

YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION...

is deeply appreciated. We hope our programs will continue to merit your support thus enabling the Synagogue Council of America to fulfill its role as the united voice of Jewish religious life in the United States.

It is the strength that comes from the unity of our Conservative, Orthodox and Reform constituents which enables us to serve the cause of American Jewry, of Israel, and of world peace.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

790 MADISON AVENUE • NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 • (212) 734-7166

Office of the Executive Vice President

March 14, 1977

Mr. Harold Jacobs, President
UOJCA
116 East 27 Street
New York, New York 10016

Dear Harold:

I heard of a conversation between you and Alex Schindler about the SCA guarantee matter, and called Alex for clarification. He says that he said that the UAHC had not yet approved the guarantee because of a condition upon which their Treasurer is still insisting, i.e., fiscal control personnel yet to be provided. But he did not say UAHC wasn't going to.

That condition has now been satisfied, as Rabbi Siegman was authorized by the Administrative And Budget Committee to engage someone. Mr. Tilles, the UAHC Treasurer, to whom I talked this morning, is now satisfied, and will recommend the guarantee. You should also know that the UAHC Board of Trustees approved the loan guarantee in principle, and authorized the President, the Chairman and the Treasurer to execute it when satisfied.

I trust this clarifies the situation and that your organization's decision to approve will stand. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me. All good wishes.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Chairman
SCA Administrative And Budget Committee

JBG/s

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler; Mr. Gilbert Tilles; Rabbi Henry Siegman

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*Ex-officio

SCA called - one of the forms enclosed is a personal
finance statement - not correct for this matter - bank
wants an annual financial statement from UAHC.....



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Gil called, unhappy about this letter -- he wants you to be sure that it is understood he said he would recommend our signing if 5 out of 6 organizations agree to do so.

actually that is said in the 1st paragraph.... it just gets unclear as you read and one might think Gil said O.K. we go, he made it clear to them he does not speak for the Union in giving approval, he merely recommends.



Noted
Go ahead

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

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CELEBRATING SCA'S 50th
ANNIVERSARY AND THE
AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL

January 10, 1977

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alexander:

At Wednesday's meeting of the Executive Committee, your agency's representative to the Administrative and Budget Committee expressed his satisfaction with our fiscal planning for the current budgetary year, and will recommend that your organization guarantee the loan to the Synagogue Council of America in the amount of \$25,000.

It is understood that the Synagogue Council of America will not process the loan unless at least five out of our six agencies join in securing the loan.

With this understanding in mind, and because we are so urgently in need of these funds, may I ask that your organization fill in the enclosed forms. I repeat that the Synagogue Council of America will not proceed with the processing of the loan unless five out of six agencies join in the guarantee.

We will also be sending you under separate cover a legal instrument to be signed by the agencies guaranteeing the loan. Since the bank - in the unlikely event of default by the SCA - can theoretically collect up to \$25,000 from any one of our agencies, this legal instrument provides that if the default is less than the full amount of the loan, our agencies undertake to repay the bank on a pro-rata basis. This will prevent the collection by the bank of a larger amount from any one of the signatory agencies, thus limiting your liability even beyond the \$25,000 that you are signing for.

With many thanks for the support that you and your organization have given us during this difficult period, and with warm good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
President

JHL:jk
cc: Gilbert Tilles

encl.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TO BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Statement of the financial condition of the undersigned as of the _____ day of _____, 19____.

Please use the word "none" where no amount is to be entered

[illegible]

Annual Income: Salary \$ _____ Fees or Commissions \$ _____ Other \$ _____
 Business or Occupation _____ Name of Employer _____
 Are you a partner or officer in any other business or venture? _____
 Marital status _____ Age _____
 Are there any unsatisfied judgments or legal actions pending against you? _____
 Have you ever gone through bankruptcy or made a general assignment? _____

SECURED OBLIGATIONS SUBJECT TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

We have signed (or authorized) financing statements in which we appear as DEBTOR, as follows:

Name of Creditor	Date and Place of Filing
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Date and Place of Filing _____

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES: As endorser or co-maker _____
 On receivables discounted or sold _____ As guarantor _____
 On leases, mortgages or contracts _____ Unsettled claims _____
 Other (itemize) _____

Schedule A

CASH BALANCES AND BANK LOANS

Name of Bank	Statement Date						Method of Borrowing (Unsecured, Guaranty, Collateral)
	Cash Balance			Amount Owing			

Schedule B

STOCKS AND BONDS

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Schedule C

REAL ESTATE OWNED

Location, Type of Property and Date Acquired	Title in Name of	Cost	Recent Appraised Value	Mortgage	
				Amount	Due

Are there any other liens against any of the above property?

Are there any mortgage payments, interest or taxes in arrears?

Schedule D

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES OWNED

Type of Lien (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) Location and Type of Property	Mortgagee of Record	Original Amount	Present Amount	Maturity

Are there any principal payments, interest or taxes in arrears? Are there any unrecorded assignments?

Schedule E

LIFE INSURANCE

Face Amount	Name of Company	Beneficiary	Type of Policy	Cash Value	Loans Against Policy

Are any of the above policies assigned except for loans as shown?

TO BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

To induce you from time to time to extend, continue or renew financial accommodations upon the direct or indirect obligation of the undersigned, the undersigned represents and warrants that the foregoing financial statement sets forth all of the assets and liens thereon, and all of the liabilities, direct and contingent, of the undersigned, and agrees that:

1. You may rely upon the foregoing financial statement as continuing to be substantially correct in each and every particular unless and until the undersigned informs you in writing to the contrary.

2. All property of the undersigned of every description, including, but not limited to, the balance of every account of the undersigned now or hereafter in your possession or custody or maintained with you for any purpose, including safekeeping or pledge, shall be held by you subject to a lien and a security interest for any and all liabilities of the undersigned to you, direct or contingent, joint, several or independent, now or hereafter existing.

3. If it shall appear that the financial report referred to above or the representations and information set forth above are not true or are incomplete in any respect, or if an adverse change shall occur in the financial condition of the undersigned, or if it shall appear that any representation or statement as to the financial condition of the undersigned set forth in any other statement or communication of the undersigned to the Bank is not true or is incomplete in any respect, or upon the nonpayment when due of any of the liabilities of the undersigned or of any other person (hereinafter referred to as "such other person") who is liable as endorser, guarantor, maker, drawer or issuer of any of the liabilities of the undersigned or any commercial paper or other obligation in any form held or owned by the Bank and to which the undersigned is a party or with respect to which the undersigned has any liability, or upon the failure of the undersigned to deposit with the Bank such additional collateral as may from time to time be demanded by the Bank, or upon the failure of the undersigned to insure in favor of and to the satisfaction of the Bank any property of the undersigned, or upon the death or insolvency of, or any loss by fire, burglary or holdup of, the undersigned or any such other person, or upon suspension of business of the undersigned or any such other person, or upon the undersigned or any partner of the undersigned (if a partnership) being expelled from or suspended by any securities or commodity exchange, or upon the issuance of any warrant of attachment against any of the property of the undersigned or of any such other person, or upon the making by the undersigned or any such other person of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or upon a trustee or receiver being appointed for the undersigned or any such other person or for any of the property of the undersigned or of any such other person, or upon any proceeding being commenced by or against the undersigned or any such other person under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debt, insolvency, readjustment of debt, receivership, liquidation or dissolution law or statute, or upon the commencement of foreclosure proceedings against any property of the undersigned or any such other person, or upon the commencement of any proceeding under, or the use of any of the provisions of Article 52 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules by any judgment creditor of the undersigned or any other party with relation to any property or money of the undersigned or any such other person, or upon the taking possession by any governmental authority or any court at the instance of any governmental authority of any substantial part of the property of undersigned or of any such other person, or if the undersigned or any accountant for the undersigned fails to permit the Bank to inspect any of the books of account of the undersigned when so requested either orally or in writing, or if the Bank is compelled to return any check or other order for the payment of money drawn by or on behalf of the undersigned against the account of the undersigned in the Bank or in any other bank because of the insufficiency of the balance in said account, or in the event of a transfer, assignment, mortgage or pledge of any property, merchandise, accounts or assets of the undersigned or of any such other person to any person other than the Bank, as security or otherwise, so as materially to affect the ability of the undersigned or of such other person to pay all claims or demands against it, him or them, — then and in any such event, and at any time thereafter, (a) the Bank may, without notice to the undersigned or to any other person, make all the liabilities of the undersigned immediately due and payable, without notice, presentment or demand of payment, all of which are hereby expressly waived, and whether or not said liabilities or any of them shall have become due and payable by the terms of the instrument or instrument creating or evidencing said liabilities, and (b) the Bank shall have the right from time to time to sell, resell, assign and deliver all or any part of the property of the undersigned at any brokers' board or exchange, or at public or private sale for cash, upon credit or for future delivery, and in connection therewith may grant options, all without advertisement or notice, except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived.

Dated: New York, N. Y.

the _____ day of _____, 19____

LIMITED GUARANTY

In consideration of financial accommodations given or to be given or continued to
....., herein called "Borrower", by BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK,
N. Y., having branch offices in London, England, herein called "Bank", the undersigned irrevocably and unconditionally
guarantee to the Bank, payment when due, whether by acceleration or otherwise, of any and all liabilities of the Borrower
to the Bank, together with all interest thereon and all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses of collection incurred by the Bank
in enforcing any of such liabilities and/or the terms hereof, to any principal amount, not exceeding.....
Dollars (\$.....) in the aggregate at any one time outstanding.

The term "liabilities of the Borrower" shall include all liabilities, direct or contingent, joint, several or independent, of the Borrower now or hereafter existing, due or to become due to, or held or to be held by, the Bank for its own account or as agent for another or others, whether created directly or acquired by assignment or otherwise. In the event that the Borrower is a partnership, the term "liabilities of the Borrower" as used herein shall include all liabilities of any successor partnership or partnerships to the Bank, direct or contingent, joint, several or independent, now or hereafter existing, due or to become due to, or held or to be held by, the Bank, whether created directly or acquired by assignment or otherwise.

The undersigned waive notice of acceptance of this guaranty and notice of any liability to which it may apply, and waive presentment, demand of payment, protest, notice of dishonor or nonpayment of any such liabilities, suit or taking other action by the Bank against, and any other notice to, any party liable thereon (including the undersigned).

The Bank may at any time and from time to time (whether or not after revocation or termination of this guaranty) without the consent of, or notice (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived) to, the undersigned, without incurring responsibility to the undersigned, without impairing or releasing the obligations of the undersigned hereunder, upon or without any terms or conditions and in whole or in part:

(1) change the manner, place or terms of payment, and/or change or extend the time of payment of, renew or alter, any liability of the Borrower, any security therefor, or any liability incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof, and the guaranty herein made shall apply to the liabilities of the Borrower as so changed, extended, renewed or altered;

(2) sell, exchange, release, surrender, realize upon or otherwise deal with in any manner and in any order any property by whomsoever at any time pledged or mortgaged to secure, or howsoever securing, the liabilities hereby guaranteed or any liabilities (including any of those hereunder) incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and/or any offset thereagainst;

(3) exercise or refrain from exercising any rights against the Borrower or others (including the undersigned) or otherwise act or refrain from acting;

(4) settle or compromise any liability hereby guaranteed, any security therefor or any liability (including any of those hereunder) incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and may subordinate the payment of all or any part thereof to the payment of any liability (whether due or not) of the Borrower to creditors of the Borrower other than the Bank and the undersigned; and

(5) apply any sums by whomsoever paid or howsoever realized to any liability or liabilities of the Borrower to the Bank regardless of what liability or liabilities of the Borrower remain unpaid.

No invalidity, irregularity or unenforceability of all or any part of the liabilities hereby guaranteed or of any security therefor shall affect, impair or be a defense to this guaranty, and this guaranty is a primary obligation of the undersigned.

This guaranty is a continuing one and all liabilities to which it applies or may apply under the terms hereof shall be conclusively presumed to have been created in reliance hereon. As to each of the undersigned, this guaranty shall continue until written notice of revocation signed by such undersigned, or until written notice of the death of such undersigned shall in each case have been actually received by the Bank, notwithstanding a revocation by, or the death of, or complete or partial release for any cause of, any one or more of the remainder of the undersigned, or of the Borrower or of anyone liable in any manner for the liabilities hereby guaranteed or for the liabilities (including those hereunder) incurred directly

or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and notwithstanding the dissolution, termination or increase, decrease or change in personnel of any one or more of the undersigned which may be partnerships. No revocation or termination hereof shall affect in any manner rights arising under this guaranty with respect to (a) liabilities which shall have been created, contracted, assumed or incurred prior to receipt by the Bank of written notice of such revocation or termination or (b) liabilities which shall have been created, contracted, assumed or incurred after receipt of such written notice pursuant to any contract entered into by the Bank prior to receipt of such notice; and the sole effect of revocation or termination hereof shall be to exclude from this guaranty liabilities thereafter arising which are unconnected with liabilities theretofore arising or transactions theretofore entered into.

All notices provided to be given to the Bank herein shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

Any and all rights and claims of the undersigned against the Borrower or any of its property, arising by reason of any payment by the undersigned to the Bank pursuant to the provisions of this guaranty, shall be subordinate and subject in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all liabilities of the Borrower to the Bank.

The Bank at all times and from time to time shall have the right to require the undersigned to deliver to the Bank as security for the liabilities of the undersigned hereunder, collateral security, original or additional, satisfactory to the Bank.

All property of the undersigned shall be held by the Bank subject to a lien and a security interest in favor of the Bank, as security for any and all liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank. The term "property of the undersigned" shall include all property of every description, now or hereafter in the possession or custody of or in transit to the Bank for any purpose, including safekeeping, collection or pledge, for account of the undersigned, or as to which the undersigned may have any right or power. The balance of every account of the undersigned with, and each claim of the undersigned against, the Bank existing from time to time, shall be subject to a lien and subject to be set off against any and all liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank, and the Bank may at any time or from time to time at its option and without notice appropriate and apply toward the payment of any of such liabilities the balance of each such account of the undersigned with, and each such claim of the undersigned against, the Bank. The Bank may at any time and from time to time, without notice, transfer into its own name or that of its nominee any of the property of the undersigned.

Upon the happening of any of the following events: the death or insolvency (however evidenced) of the Borrower or any person (including the undersigned) who is liable directly or indirectly in respect of any of the liabilities of the Borrower, or an adverse change in the financial condition of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, or suspension of business of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, or the issuance of any warrant, process or order of attachment, garnishment or other lien and/or the filing of a lien as a result thereof against any of the property of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, or the making by the Borrower or any aforesaid person of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a trustee or receiver being appointed for the Borrower or any aforesaid person or for any property of any of them, or any proceeding being commenced by or against the Borrower or any aforesaid person under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debt, insolvency, readjustment of debt, receivership, liquidation or dissolution law or statute, or it appears that any representation in any financial or other statement of the Borrower or any aforesaid person, delivered to the Bank by or in behalf of the Borrower or such person, is untrue or incomplete, or if the Bank deems itself insecure—then and in any such event, and at any time thereafter, the Bank may, without notice to the Borrower or any aforesaid person, make the liabilities

of the Borrower to the Bank, whether or not then due, immediately due and payable hereunder as to the undersigned, and the Bank shall be entitled to enforce the obligations of the undersigned hereunder.

Upon nonpayment when due of any of the liabilities of the Borrower or the undersigned to the Bank, the Bank shall have the right from time to time, without advertisement or demand upon or notice to the Borrower or the undersigned or right of redemption except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived, to sell, re-sell, assign, transfer and deliver all or part of said property of the undersigned, at any brokers' board or exchange or at public or private sale, for cash or on credit or for future delivery, and in connection therewith may grant options and may impose reasonable conditions such as requiring any purchaser of any stock so sold to represent that such stock is purchased for investment purposes only. Upon each such sale the Bank, unless prohibited by provision of any applicable statute which cannot be waived, may purchase all or any part of said property being sold, free from and discharged of all trusts, claims, right of redemption and equities of the undersigned.

In the case of each such sale, or of any proceedings to collect any liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank, the undersigned shall pay all costs and expenses of every kind for collection, sale or delivery, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and after deducting such costs and expenses from the proceeds of sale or collection, the Bank may apply any residue to pay any of such liabilities of the undersigned, who shall continue liable for any deficiency, with interest.

If claim is ever made upon the Bank for repayment or recovery of any amount or amounts received by the Bank in payment or on account of any of the liabilities of the Borrower and the Bank repays all or part of said amount by reason of (a) any judgment, decree or order of any court or administrative body having jurisdiction over the Bank or any of its property, or (b) any settlement or compromise of any such claim effected by the Bank with any such claimant (including the Borrower), then and in such event the undersigned agree that any such judgment, decree, order, settlement or compromise shall be binding upon the undersigned, notwithstanding any revocation hereof or the cancellation of any note or other instrument evidencing any liability of the Borrower, and the undersigned shall be and remain liable to the Bank hereunder for the amount so repaid or recovered to the same extent as if such amount had never originally been received by the Bank.

Any acknowledgment or new promise, whether by payment of principal or interest or otherwise and whether by the Borrower or others (including the undersigned), with respect to any of the liabilities of the Borrower shall, if the statute of limitations in favor of the undersigned against the Bank shall have commenced to run, toll the running of such statute of limitations and, if the period of such statute of limitations shall have expired, prevent the operation of such statute of limitations.

The Bank shall not be bound to take any steps necessary to preserve any rights in any of the property of the undersigned against prior parties who may be liable in connection therewith, and the undersigned hereby agrees to take such

steps. The Bank may nevertheless at any time (a) take any action it may deem appropriate for the care or preservation of such property or of any rights of the undersigned or the Bank therein, (b) demand, sue for, collect or receive any money or property at any time due, payable or receivable on account of or in exchange for any property of the undersigned, (c) compromise and settle with any person liable on such property, or (d) extend the time of payment or otherwise change the terms thereof as to any party liable thereon, all without notice to, without incurring responsibility to, and without affecting any of the liabilities hereunder of, the undersigned. The undersigned shall pay to the Bank all costs and expenses, including filing fees and attorneys' fees, incurred by the Bank in connection with the custody, care, preservation or collection of any of the property of the undersigned or in seeking to enforce any of the liabilities or obligations of the undersigned hereunder.

The Bank shall have the right, at any time and from time to time, without notice, to (i) transfer into its own name or that of its nominee any of the property of the undersigned; (ii) notify any obligor on any of such property to make payment to the Bank of any amounts due thereon; and/or (iii) take control of any proceeds of any of such property.

No delay on the part of the Bank in exercising any of its options, powers or rights, or partial or single exercise thereof, shall constitute a waiver thereof. No waiver of any of its rights hereunder, and no modification or amendment of this guaranty, shall be deemed to be made by the Bank unless the same shall be in writing, duly signed on behalf of the Bank, and each such waiver, if any, shall apply only with respect to the specific instance involved, and shall in no way impair the rights of the Bank or the obligations of the undersigned to the Bank in any other respect at any other time.

The undersigned waive the right of trial by jury in the event of any litigation between the parties hereto in respect of any matter arising under this guaranty and agree that, should the Bank bring any judicial proceedings in relation to any such matter, the undersigned will not interpose any counterclaim or setoff of any nature.

This guaranty and the rights and obligations of the Bank and of the undersigned hereunder shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York; and this guaranty is binding upon the undersigned, his, their or its executors, administrators, successors or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Bank, its successors or assigns. In the event that the Bank brings any action or suit in any court of record of New York State or the Federal Government to enforce any or all liabilities of the undersigned hereunder, service of process may be made upon the undersigned by mailing a copy of the summons to the undersigned at the address below set forth.

The undersigned, if more than one, shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder and the term "undersigned" wherever used herein shall mean the undersigned or any one or more of them. Anyone signing this guaranty shall be bound hereby, whether or not anyone else signs this guaranty at any time. The term "Bank" includes any agent of the Bank acting for it.

Dated: _____, 19_____

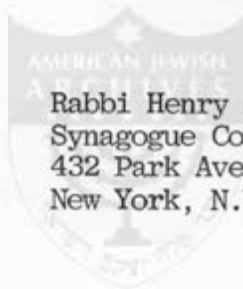
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CELEBRATING SCA'S 50th
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memorandum

to: SCA Executive Committee

from: Samuel Brochstein, Treasurer

subject: Financial Report

date: January 4, 1977



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The following figures constitute a summary financial statement for the six-month period of July 1 to December 31, 1976:

	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	168,515	224,500
Expenses	<u>194,212</u>	186,424
Deficit	25,697	

While expenses are within our budgetary projections (we overspent by approximately \$7,800, an amount that should be made up in the second half of the year, since we will not be paying the salary of Institute Director), income fell short of our budgetary projections by \$60,000. The actual deficit incurred was \$25,700.

Because all of our planned fund-raising activities are scheduled for the second half of the fiscal year (we had virtually no fund-raising of any kind the first six months because we were without a Director of Development), we should have little difficulty in balancing the current year's budget.

In addition to the \$63,000 in new pledges that are due during this period, fund-raising activities for the second half of the year include a parlor meeting (National Society of Patrons) to be hosted by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in New York on January 13; a luncheon (National Society of Patrons) to be co-hosted by Jacob Arvey, Moses Hornstein, Matthew Rosenhaus in Miami Beach on February 3; and a major Interreligious Award Dinner honoring Vice President Rockefeller on May 9. We will also set dates for parlor meetings in Palm Beach, Great Neck, Tenaflly, Chicago and Detroit before the end of the fiscal year.

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TO: SCA Executive Committee

January 4, 1977

During these coming months, we also expect to launch a new campaign for congregational support, for which Temple Emanu-El of Great Neck and Fairmount Temple in Cleveland should serve as models. Two of our rabbinical agencies have designated committees to work with us on this long-range project, and we expect other agencies to follow suit.

In long-range terms, the development of congregational support may turn out to be the single most important element in the Council's fiscal stability. It will undoubtedly take some time to mobilize a significant number of congregations that will contribute regularly to the Council, and it is a task that will require the attention of a full-time staff person. That is one of the major reasons that our Planning Committee, headed by Peter Feinberg, urged that our agencies and individuals underwrite a 2-3 year loan of \$300,000 to the Council. The whole point of this loan is to give the Council the necessary breathing space, as well as the resources, to build a sound financial structure.

In light of the above - and considering the fact that as of January 1977 our agencies have not as yet taken the necessary actions to secure the loan - I consider the expectation of the Administrative and Budget Committee that the Council repay part of the loan by July of 1977 to be unrealistic and contrary to the objectives the Planning Committee had in mind.

At their last meeting on December 8th, our Officers recommended that a separate development budget, specifically related to fund-raising needs and anticipated new income, be submitted to the Administrative and Budget Committee and to the Executive Committee for their approval once the loan has been secured.

In the meantime, I can report to you that despite the delay in obtaining the loan that we so desperately need, and the delay in launching a comprehensive development program, we expect to operate in the black during the current fiscal year, and, hopefully, will be able to show a modest surplus. This is so because the staff and program of the Council have been cut to the bone, a situation that is good neither for the Council nor for American Jewish life. It is my hope that next year's budget will permit the Council to reinstate vital services and programs.

December 17, 1976

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, President
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of December 14 and the revised SCA budget for the current fiscal year. It is gratifying to note the progress which has been made in reducing the budget.

Regretfully, at this time it is not possible to have the guarantee forms signed by the UAHC. As you know, our Executive Committee had some questions in regard to this matter and approval of our signature will not be forthcoming until clarification has been provided. Once they are assured that all is in good order, we will, of course, be in touch with you. Our Treasurer, Mr. Gilbert Tilles, who also serves as the UAHC representative on the SCA Administrative and Budget Committee will be in contact with you. I do regret the delay in responding to your need but I am certain you can appreciate the position of our Officers and Executive Committee.

As to the request for a dues increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per annum, there is nothing I can do about this until we begin to plan our budget for the next fiscal year. We are on a July 1 to June 30 schedule and no additional funds are available for the current fiscal year. I do want to assure you that your request will be discussed with the Budget Committee and we will do our utmost to increase our SCA allocation for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a Happy Chanukah, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Gilbert Tilles
Mr. Matthew H. Ross

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December 14, 1976

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

Enclosed is a copy of a revised budget for the current fiscal year. The budget is the result of revisions made by the newly appointed Administrative and Budget Committee, and also approved by the Plenum at its December 8th meeting.

Since our member agencies had decided that their guarantee of a bank loan to the Synagogue Council of America is conditioned by a review of the Council's budget by the Administrative and Budget Committee, I now write to you once again to request that you execute the forms that we sent you.

The budget review process has taken longer than was anticipated, and our need for the loan is more urgent than ever. I hope, therefore, that your agency will act on this matter without delay.

May I also bring to your attention the recommendation that our agencies increase their dues to the Synagogue Council of America from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per year. This is an essential aspect of our return to responsible fiscal planning, and I trust that your agency will approve the increase, if it has not already done so.

Your support and assistance during this difficult period for the Synagogue Council of America is deeply appreciated.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
President

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>Budget 1976-77</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Dues Income	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 28,000.00
Congregation Donations	9,466.69	9,696.56	50,000.00
Federations and Welfare Funds	33,575.00	43,760.20	40,000.00
Foundations and Corporations	27,250.00	24,750.00	80,000.00
Individual Donations	240,595.50	167,565.60	175,000.00
Donations to Institute			50,000.00
H. E. W. Grant	68,780.00	50,161.87	16,000.00
Annual Dinner Income	28,195.00	32,595.00	50,000.00
Bicentennial Celebration Receipts		6,990.00	
Expense Reimbursements	6,930.72	10,361.30	
Other Income	5,035.72	5,198.96	10,000.00
Other Dinners	16,877.16		
Jerusalem Peace Foundation	70,010.26		
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>519,216.05</u>	<u>361,329.49</u>	<u>499,000.00</u>
<u>LESS: EXPENSES</u>			
Payroll and Payroll Expenses	177,264.36	235,759.63	202,000.00
Program Expenses (Per Schedule)	228,305.88	212,305.94	170,850.00
International Peace Colloquium	70,863.46		
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>476,433.70</u>	<u>448,065.57</u>	<u>372,850.00</u>

December 6, 1976

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

PROGRAM EXPENSES

	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>Budget 1976-77</u>
Telephone and Cables	\$ 13,121.17	\$ 12,000.00
Meetings and Luncheons	15,935.02	11,000.00
Office Supplies and Stationery	9,491.42	9,000.00
Postage	6,895.31	7,000.00
Mailing Service	1,696.51	2,000.00
Mats, Photos, Plaques & Gifts	2,306.77	1,000.00
Ads and Obits	5,328.26	500.00
Messenger Service	172.92	250.00
Printing and Publications	18,056.32	18,000.00
Travel and Fares	30,212.49	22,000.00
Subscriptions and Journals	2,442.80	1,500.00
Clipping Service	733.95	800.00
Organization Dues and Subventions	734.30	800.00
Memorial Foundation for Jew. Culture	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Information	10,260.00	12,500.00
Fees, Honoraria, Research	27,964.71	25,000.00
Fellowships & Interns	8,934.00	9,000.00
Rent - New York	10,429.82	11,000.00
Rent - Institute	7,462.87	7,400.00
Electricity and Water	3,423.97	3,500.00
Equipment Service and Rental	706.85	800.00
Equipment Purchases	1,265.89	1,000.00
Auditing	2,700.00	3,300.00
Interest	7,679.39	10,000.00
Insurance	326.00	500.00
Costs of Annual Dinner	18,025.20	-
Miami Fund Raising	5,000.00	-
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$ 212,305.94</u>	<u>\$ 170,850.00</u>

December 6, 1976

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA



memorandum

to: SCA Executive Committee
from: Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, President
subject: May 4th Meeting
date: April 19, 1977

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The next meeting of our Executive Committee will be held:

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 1977

TIME: 12:00 Noon (Luncheon will be served)

PLACE: SCA Conference Room

Our agenda will include a report by our Search Committee, which has been interviewing candidates for the directorship of the Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research, and consideration of a proposed association by Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum with the Synagogue Council of America.

Please return the enclosed card to indicate that you will attend.

Kindest regards.

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March 2, 1976

Dear Colleagues:

The humanitarian work of the Magen David Adom is known to you all, I need not cite chapter and verse of their multi-faceted program. It is an organization in which we can rightly take pride. It is an organization which merits international recognition by the Red Cross and I believe it is incumbent upon us all to aid the American Section of OPERATION RECOGNITION in its program which seeks that acceptance and recognition.

During Magen David Adom Recognition Shabbat and Week, April 3-9, 1976, all of us should do our utmost to focus nationwide attention on Magen David Adom and to secure its recognition and membership in the international family of the Red Cross. I urge that you secure the cooperation of the families of your congregations to join the American Jewish community, through the Synagogue Council of America, in the effort to have the symbol of the Magen David Adom, the Red Star of David, accepted as a symbol of the world organization. We must seek to have the Red Star of David included with the other symbols which have come to mean humanitarian and relief work in the nations of the world, the red cross, the red crescent of Islam, and the red lion and sun of Iran.

With heartfelt thanks for your cooperation in this, and the many other areas of our work in which I seek your help.

Cordial greetings.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

March 2, 1976

Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
National Co-Chairman
OPERATION RECOGNITION
1 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Rabbi Dobin:

I will be pleased to serve on the National Committee of OPERATION RECOGNITION. The manifold humanitarian efforts of Magen David Adom richly merit and deserve world-wide recognition and they have earned membership in the International Red Cross.

The Red Star of David, symbol of the Israeli sector of the Red Cross, has become the symbol of relief and humanitarian efforts and should be recognized as a symbol of record for the international organization. I whole heartedly support the work of OPERATION RECOGNITION.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

P.S. I enclose herewith a letter for use in the kit being prepared by the Synagogue Council of America.

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Committee in Formation

February 20, 1976

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

OPERATION RECOGNITION has been given the responsibility to marshal the effort of all fair-minded Americans on behalf of the recognition of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel by the International Red Cross and its admission into the League of Red Cross Societies. Senators Javits and Ribicoff join me in extending an invitation to you to become a member of our National Committee. I know that you agree with us that this humanitarian recognition is long overdue.

There is every reason to believe that the Diplomatic Conferences on this matter now going on in Geneva look with favor upon this recognition. We know that your joining with us will mean a great deal to the equitable resolution of this critical issue.

Thousands of our supporters look forward to your assistance. We would very much like to have your acceptance, as well as a message of encouragement for our work. It will mean so much to millions of people throughout the world.

May we hear from you soon. With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
National Co-Chairman
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THE MAGEN DAVID ADOM SOCIETY OF ISRAEL AND ITS
NON-ADMISSION INTO THE LEAGUE OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETIES

Committee in Formation

Tel Aviv, November 1975

1. The Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) Society of Israel was founded as the voluntary medical aid society of the Jewish population as far back as 1930. In 1950 it was accorded formal recognition by the Government of Israel as the exclusive national aid society of the country, in accordance with the Geneva Conventions. This was endorsed by the Knesset and is the main feature of the Red Shield of David Law of 1950. The Society furnishes first aid services in over 60 branches and stations all over Israel through thousands of active volunteers, including youth, and paid workers. In addition, dozens of permanent sub-stations and seasonal stations (for instance, on the beaches during the summer) are operated. Six hundred ambulances are available around the country, not only in the First Aid Stations but also in industrial areas and in small villages. They are equipped with modern communications apparatus. In time of war, Magen David Adom is an auxiliary medical aid service for the Army Medical Corps and the Civil Defence; and it is preparing for this mission in time of peace. Magen David Adom maintains the central blood bank in Israel and twelve local blood banks and these are available for all the hospitals in the country. Old blood is used for the manufacture of medicaments in the Fractionation Institute. In 1974 it rendered first aid assistance to more than half a million persons in Israel. This included first aid assistance in the stations, transportation by ambulance, and blood for transfusions. Magen David Adom also concerns itself with relief for victims of natural disasters and of war throughout the world. In 1974-75 relief medical supplies were sent to Bolivia, Cyprus, Brazil, India, Nepal, Paraguay and Turkey. The Society's emblem is the Red Shield of David (Magen David).

2. The formally recognized distinctive and protective emblems of the International Red Cross are the red cross itself, and the emblems of Islam, namely the red crescent (which exists in more than one official shape) and the red lion and sun (used only in Iran). There is no doubt about the religious origin of each of these emblems, whatever be their precise significance in the modern Red Cross context. This origin of the symbols has to be kept in mind, and placed in the psychological context of the historical inter-relationship of the three related monotheistic faiths of the Middle East (in strict chronological order): Judaism, Christianity and Islam. That explains why the use by the adherents of one of these faiths of the symbol of another of these faiths is wounding to the individual's susceptibilities - a factor which was recognized in the case of the emblems of Islam shortly after the International Red Cross became established. That is why Israel itself is unable to use any of the existing symbols, and has always used the red shield of David as the distinctive protective emblem of all its civilian and military aid services, while scrupulously respecting the other emblems and according to them the full protection of the law as required by the Geneva Conventions. This policy, expressed in Israel's reservations to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, is embodied in the Red Shield of David Law of 1950.



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3. The red shield of David itself is widely used in Jewish life and is generally familiar for its Jewish association. The 1949 Red Cross Diplomatic Conference at Geneva recognized that the emblem is well known and respected in those parts of the world where it is in use. Throughout the long and bitter hostilities over the last twenty-seven years, it is a fact that the belligerents in the Middle East have consistently acknowledged the mutual respect due to each of the emblems in use in their different armed forces -- the red cross, the red crescent, and in the case of Israel the red shield of David. This de facto situation, and the psychological impulses which have led to it, counterbalance contentions stressing the desirability of having one single emblem. There is no objection in principle to a single emblem, but no unity is possible on the basis of an emblem having a religious character, which is the case of the red cross emblem. In the meantime, the de facto equilibrium between the emblems of the three monotheistic faiths of the Middle East in practice provides a perfectly satisfactory answer to all the problems which are encountered in this part of the world. It should be matched by formal equality between each one of them.

4. In every country in the world such national voluntary medical aid societies exist, and they co-operate through the League of Red Cross Societies, an independent federation which forms part of the International Red Cross. Every four years the International Red Cross Conference is held. This is the supreme deliberative body of the International Red Cross, and participation is open to representatives of Governments parties to the Geneva Conventions, and to delegations of the national societies. Full representation of a country in the International Red Cross Conference is assured on two levels, that of the Government in its official capacity, and that of the independent national society. In the Conference, each has one vote. In addition, members of the League meet every two years.

5. Admission of a national society into the League of Red Cross Societies is governed by a complicated set of provisions, and these call, amongst other things, for recognition of the national society by the International Committee of the Red Cross. Ten conditions for this recognition have been drawn up, and one of these is that the national society in question uses the title and emblem of the Red Cross (Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun), in conformity with the Geneva Conventions.

6. There is no question that the Red Shield of David Society meets nine of these ten conditions -- a fact which is not disputed by any responsible organ of the International Red Cross. However, on account of their religious connotation, the Society is unable to use any of the emblems mentioned in the Geneva Conventions (which otherwise it scrupulously respects), and therefore can only use the title and emblem of the Red Shield of David. Because of this, it has been publicly stated on behalf of the International Committee of the Red Cross that so long as this situation persists, the Society's request for recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross would not be admissible. Similar advice has been received from other Red Cross authorities in response to official approaches that have been made from time to time, the last occasion being as recently as in April of 1975.

7. Throughout this century (in fact even earlier), the Red Cross movement as a whole, and its different organs, have demonstrated a well-marked responsiveness to the susceptibilities of the adherents of Islam, who for similar reasons are unable to use the sign of the cross as their distinctive emblem. Thus, Ottoman and Egyptian Red Crescent Societies and the Iranian Red Lion and Sun Society were recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross long before the Geneva Conventions were adjusted (in 1929) to formally include the emblems of Islam.

8. A resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted in 1946 calls upon all members to encourage the establishment and co-operation of duly authorized voluntary national societies, which should carry on their work in independence of the Governments according to the principles of the Geneva Conventions and in the humanitarian spirit of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent. The basic principles of the Red Cross include impartiality, the political, religious and economic independence, the universality of the Red Cross and the equality of the National Red Cross Societies. The withholding of recognition of the Red Shield of David Society by the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the consequent veto on the Society's admission into the League of Red Cross Societies, are incompatible with the appeal of the General Assembly and with the basic principles of the Red Cross. The insistence that religious symbols of other faiths should be used in Israel as a prerequisite to admission of the Society in the League is a cause of religious offence and rancour.

9. The Magen David Adom Society of Israel is convinced that given good will, alleged obstacles to its admission into the League could be overcome.

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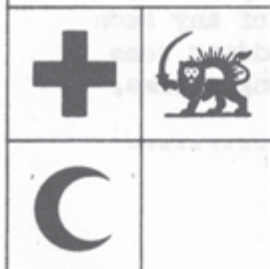
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Committee in Formation

TO: Jewish Community Leadership
FROM: Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
RE: OPERATION RECOGNITION Newsletter # 3

PLEASE NOTE: In answer to several queries that have come to our office we wish to state categorically that OPERATION RECOGNITION has no connection at all with Magen David Adom fund-raising. Our only responsibility is to marshal public opinion and efforts on behalf of International Red Cross recognition of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel as an official member of the League of Red Cross Societies.

1. Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne is now back in Israel after achieving a remarkable breakthrough in our efforts to have official Washington take a forthright stand on working for MDA recognition in Geneva.
2. We also met with Dr. Frank Stanton, Chairman and Mr. George Elsey, President of the American National Red Cross. We were assured by these gentlemen that they will cooperate in every way possible, both here and in Geneva to have the Magen David Adom recognized as the official symbol.
3. Senators Javits and Ribicoff accorded Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne their gracious hospitality while we visited in Washington. Representatives Elizabeth Holtzman, Edward Koch, and Stephen Solarz received special visits from us and they pledged their cooperation in our efforts.
4. Plans are being made to sponsor a nation-wide MDA Recognition Sabbath in cooperation with the Synagogue Council of America.
5. The Board of Jewish Education has officially approved a special project to prepare a curriculum-aid kit explaining the importance of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel and why it must be recognized by the IRC.
6. Dr. Paul S. Riebenfeld, noted Political Scientist and Internationally known historian has consented to join our efforts, and will give us the benefit of his many talents.
7. Ambassador Rosenne attended the recent General Assembly of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds in Miami Beach recently where he acquainted hundreds of leaders with OPERATION RECOGNITION.
8. We are starting a Speakers Bureau. Please send us your requests.
9. Rabbi Dobin's home phone in Lawrence, N. Y. is 516-239-1033.
10. See other side for listing of OPERATION RECOGNITION material available.



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Thank you.

The following OPERATION RECOGNITION material is now available for free distribution. Please send your requests to Rabbi Dobin at our office.

1. J T A story reprint on the start of OPERATION RECOGNITION. *
2. A 45-page research paper by Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne entitled "The Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun, and the Red Shield of David". This is the latest and most up-to-date information on the entire background and emblem recognition by the International Red Cross.
3. Memorandum - "The Magen David Adom Society of Israel and its non-admittance into the League of Red Cross Societies." *
4. Official statement of Israel to the VI (Legal) Committee of the 30th United Nations General Assembly on "Respect for Human Rights in Armed Conflicts". Presented by the Hon. Robbie Sabel a member of the Israeli U.N. Mission.
5. J T A story reprint on progress report by Ambassador Rosenne after his visits in Washington at the State Department and at the American National Red Cross.*
6. Background material on the Magen David as a symbol of the Jewish People.
7. Suggested text of a resolution to be approved by organizations on International Red Cross recognition of the Magen David Adom.
8. A history of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel. *
9. U. N. Interview by Richard Ya'fee with Ambassador Rosenne for the London Jewish Chronicle as printed in the Jewish Week. *
10. A montage presentation of recent news stories on OPERATION RECOGNITION from publications all over the United States.
11. Listing of notable quotations on the Magen David Adom issue by Jewish leaders in Israel, Europe and the United States.
12. Transcript of Colloquium at Columbia University Center for Israel and Jewish Studies containing presentation by Ambassador Rosenne and full text of the question/answer period.

* Material marked with an asterisk is available in quantity for public distribution.

CAN YOU HELP US ????

It has come to our attention that a number of historians, professors, students, and others have recently prepared and published original research papers on the International Red Cross and the Magen David Adom. If you know of any such material please let us know about it. They may be important in shedding some new light on an issue that has been nefariously obscured for too long a time. Thank you for your help. RKD

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colleagues
Dear ~~Rabbi~~ Dobin:

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February 20, 1976

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838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

As you probably know, the Synagogue Council of America has approved sponsorship of a Magen David Adom Recognition Shabbat and Week. We plan to arrange this for the week beginning Shabbat, April 3, through Friday, April 9. I am working with Rabbi Lookstein and Rabbi Seigman in preparing a special mailing kit to all the rabbis on the Synagogue Council of America mailing list.

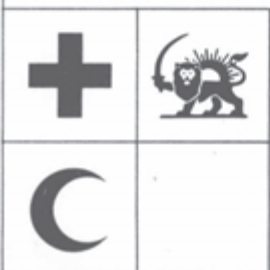
I would like to include in this kit a special letter of support from you for the work of OPERATION RECOGNITION and its efforts to bring about the acceptance of the Magen David Adom by the International Red Cross community.

I am enclosing a memorandum, prepared by Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne, which gives most of the background of this critical issue. Because of time limitations I would appreciate it very much if we could have your letter as quickly as possible. With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin
National Co-Chairman
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Red Magen David fight. for recognition to be Geneva issue in April

By RICHARD YAFFE

Shabtai Rosenne, the long-time Israeli diplomat and a leading expert on international law, believes he can finally see a glimmer of light ahead in his country's long battle to have its Red Magen David Society admitted to the League of Red Cross Societies, and the Red Magen David recognized officially as the emblem of Israel's medical services, military and civilian.

Rosenne, who has been in America for several weeks on behalf of this project, talked to this correspondent about it in the North Delegates' Lounge of the United Nations where the Israeli official is no stranger, having been a member of his country's delegation during twenty of the thirty General Assembly sessions, and No. 2 man in the permanent mission for four years.

He is working towards the Conference on Reaffirmation of Humanitarian Law in Geneva in April when the matter will come up again. He found "a great deal of sympathy" in Washington, he said, both in official circles and among officials of the American Red Cross on Israel's request that the shield of David be recognized as its distinctive emblem for its medical services.

Willingness to cooperate

He also found, he said, "the willingness to cooperate in the attainment of full recognition of the Magen David emblem in the context of the Geneva Conventions" which have recognized until now only the Red Cross, two versions of the Red Crescent — oriented to the left in Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey and the Moslem areas of the Soviet Union, and to the right in other countries using this emblem — and Red Lion and Sun used by Iran.

Rosenne was also pleased with the activities of the American section of Operation Recognition, headed by Senators Jacob K. Javits of New York and Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, and Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin of New York.

The London-born diplomat who has just completed a tour of duty as head of the Israeli mission to the U.N. in Geneva, said that the Red Cross in Geneva was "falsifying history" by denying that the Red Cross was not a religious symbol. The emblem, he pointed out, was adopted in 1863 when "the world consisted of European Christian countries." He said he wondered what Henri Dunant, the father of the Red Cross idea, close

friend of Herzl and an early Christian Protestant Zionist, would think of the banning of the Shield of David as a humanitarian symbol.

Rosenne pointed out — and he has written about it in the "Israel Yearbook on Human Rights" which has issued a reprint on the Red Cross matter — that the Moslem states did not think of the cross as a "neutral" emblem and insisted on their own symbols. He pointed out that Israel respected the Red Crescent and that the Arab states recognized the Shield of David as having the same status as the Red Cross in the wars between them.

"At most," Rosenne said, "the Red Cross emblem has no religious significance only for those who subscribe to that doctrine, and in such a matter of conscience there is no certainty that the people will feel themselves obliged by the actions of their governments."

Far East disinterested

"The non-Christian powers have not all been able to follow that line of thought. Some, adherents of religious creeds of the Far East, have indicated disinterest in the matter, and a willingness themselves to acquiesce in the use of the Red Cross emblem. But it is otherwise for the adherents of the two remaining monotheistic faiths of the Middle East and Asia — Islam and Judaism."

Not one of these states, after reaching "an adequate level of political maturity enabling them to deal with European diplomacy," was prepared to accept the assurance of the Red Cross organization that it was not indeed a religious emblem.

"These Governments knew that they would not be able to carry their people with them should they try to do otherwise," he went on. He said he wondered how anyone could envision a rabbi in the field with a cross on his armband.

The truth that the Red Cross is unacceptable to a great number of people has finally begun to trickle into Geneva, Rosenne said. In 1949, he pointed out, the sponsors of the Red Cross emblem recognized that the emblem does not, because of its allusion to the symbol of Christianity, afford all states a sufficient guarantee of impartiality.

Not only were the non-Christian states not prepared to accept the Red Cross for their own use, he said, but the Moslem Conference of 1949 made it clear that it would not give up its symbols in favor of a new, more neutral universal emblem.

"That being so," Rosenne said, "it is hard to understand the obstinacy with which all attempts to bring the *de jure* situation of the Red Shield of David into line with the *de facto* situation have been met."

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A double standard

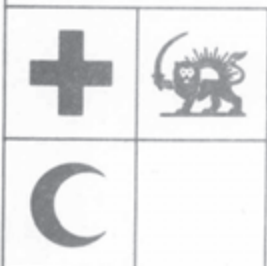
"Comparing the history of that emblem with the history of the emblems of Islam, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that, in the eyes of those who have assumed responsibility in the matter, what has been accepted with resignation in the case of the emblems of Islam is being rejected with indignation in the case of the emblem of Judaism."

"It is this double standard that is causing resentment. It is this insistence to force on Israel an emblem which offends Jewish religious convictions and provokes indignation."

The Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) Society of Israel was founded as a voluntary medical aid society of the Yishuv (Jewish community) in Palestine in 1930, and in 1950 it was granted formal recognition by the Government as the exclusive national aid society in Israel in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

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November 3, 1975

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear Rabbi Lookstein:

In response to your letter of October 31, please know that a check for \$750. will be forthcoming from the UAHC towards the cost of the recent SCA ad.

While we are making payment, I do want to advise that I would have much preferred a simple telephone call prior to the placement of the ad to indicate that it would be printed and what the cost would be to each constituent of the SCA. During these critical times for our people almost every organization is placing ads in the press and it would help us to know in advance that additional funds will be required of us. I don't have to tell you that financially these are not easy times for Jewish organizations and with some advance notice it might be possible to coordinate and cooperate so that the institutions involved are not overburdened with surprise sums due to the various umbrella organizations. I would hope that in the future there will be advance clearance in this regard.

With every good wish and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner



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October 31, 1975

Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

As you know, the statement adopted by all of our agencies on the religious dimensions of Zionism appeared as an ad in The New York Times.

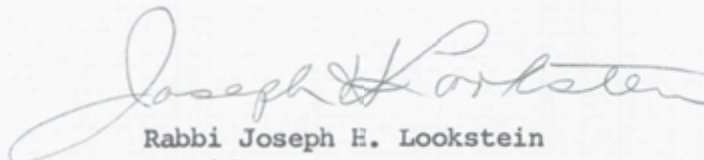
It is an important statement, and I believe it is of the utmost urgency that it receive the widest public attention. We have in the past, all too often, left it to our enemies to define Zionism.

The ad cost us exactly \$5,000.00, and I am asking each of our agencies to contribute \$750.00 towards its cost. We cannot bill you for this amount since we did not obtain advance commitments; but the matter was far too urgent to permit its delay on such grounds.

I hope you will agree that we did the right thing, and that you will honor my request.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,


Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein
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cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner





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January 27, 1975

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

A high-level delegation of representatives of Christian churches in the USSR will visit the United States in February and March. The delegation will be led by Nikodim, Metropolitan of Leningrad and Novgorod; Filaret, Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich; and Yuvenaly, Metropolitan of Tula and Belev.

The delegation has accepted an invitation from the Synagogue Council of America to attend a luncheon reception on Thursday, March 6, at 12:30 p.m.

I am writing to invite you to this important reception and to meet the members of the Soviet delegation.

A list of the Soviet delegation is enclosed.

Please indicate your attendance by returning the enclosed post card.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Henry
Rabbi Henry Siegman
Executive Vice President

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Members of Delegation of Representatives of Christian Churches in
the USSR to the USA - Feb. - March, 1975

1. Nikodim (Rotov) Metropolitan of Leningrad and Novgorod; Permanent Member of the Holy Synod, Patriarchal Exarch for Western Europe, President of the Commission of the Holy Synod on Questions of Christian Unity and Interchurch Relations.
2. Filaret (Denisenko) Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich; Permanent Member of the Holy Synod, Patriarchal Exarch of All Ukraine.
3. Yuvenaly (Poyarkov) Metropolitan of Tula and Belev; Permanent Member of the Holy Synod, President of the Department of External Church Affairs of the Moscow Patriarchate.
4. Vladimir (Sabodan) Archbishop of Dmitrovsk; Rector of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary.
5. Makary (Svistun) Bishop of Uman; Representative of the Moscow Patriarchate at the WCC in Geneva.
6. Job (Tyvoniuk) Bishop of Zaraisk; Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in Canada and temporarily in the USA.
7. Borovoy, Vitaly, Protopresbyter; Rector of the Patriarchal Cathedral of The Epiphany in Moscow; Professor of the Moscow Theological Academy; Consultant at the Department of External Church Relations.
8. Cyrill (Gundyaev) Archamandrite; Rector of the Leningrad Theological Academy and Seminary.
9. Gundyaev, Nikolai, Archbpriest; Vice-president of the Department of External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; Docent of the Leningrad Theological Academy; Secretary of the Commission of the Holy Synod on Questions of Christian Unity and Interchurch Relations.
10. Stadniuk, Mathew, Archpriest; Secretary of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Vice-President of the Business Administration of the Moscow Patriarchate, Rector of the Church of Apostles Peter and Paul in Moscow.
11. Soiko, Bogdan, Protodeacon; Instructor at Leningrad Theological Seminary, Curate of the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Leningrad.
12. Flavian (Oskolkov) Archdeacon; Fourth-year student, Moscow Theological Academy.
13. Osipov, Alexei Ilyitch; Associate Professor, Moscow Theological Academy

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14. Elias (Shioloshvill) Metropolitan of Suma and Abkhazia - of the Georgian Autocephelas Orthodox Church
15. Krivaitis, Cheslav, Msgr.; Administrator of the Wilno Archepiscopacy of the Roman Catholic Church of Lithuania
16. Arseny (Berberian) Bishop; President of the Department of Interchurch Relations - of the Armenian Apostolic Church
17. Matulis, Yanis, Archbishop; Head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.
18. Bychkov, A. M.; General Secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians Baptists
19. Hark, Edward, Probst; Deputy Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia
20. Krylov, Igor Anatolyevich; Delegate of the Leningrad Metropolia for the Representatives of Foreign Delegations.

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Rabbi Alexander Schindler
President
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I am writing to invite UAHC to designate two representatives to a special joint consultation of the Synagogue Council of America and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held Tuesday, January 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the O'Hare International Towers Hotel in Chicago. (The hotel is at the airport.) There will be a special meeting of the Synagogue Council's representatives at O'Hare at noon, at which lunch will be served.

It is the purpose of this consultation to examine leadership training programs sponsored by federations and synagogues, areas of overlap and conflict, and possibilities of cooperation and joint sponsorship by federations and synagogues.

The consultation is being held under the auspices of the Committee on Synagogue-Federation Relations, of which I serve as Chairman.

Would you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience the names of your agency's representatives. They will receive program details and hotel reservation forms.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Polish, Chairman
SCA Committee on Synagogue-
Federation Relations

DP:R

cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner

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MEMORANDUM

Thomson
for your review
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Date February 3, 1975

From Myron E. Schoen

To Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Copy for information of Rabbi Balfour Brickner

Subject SCA-CJWF Consultation, Chicago 1/28/75

As you know I became involved when Henry Seigman asked me to provide Ira Silverman of SCA's Institute for Jewish Planning & Research with material on "training of leadership" utilized in our synagogues. I sent him about a dozen outlines of congregational leadership training institutes and/or retreats plus one I developed and utilize (with variations) when called upon to conduct same for our congregations. I pointed out that in synagogue leadership training we have a two-fold goal. One is to heighten commitment and consciousness and the second is to better equip the individual to carry out his responsibilities as a Trustee or Committee Chairman. I had to admit that few synagogues have ongoing programs. They are sporadic.

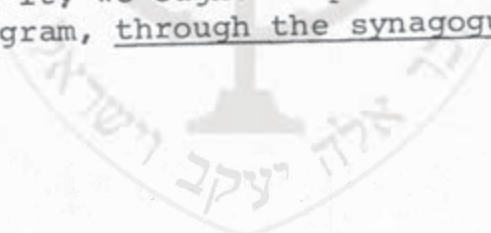
The SCA representatives met for approximately an hour and a half before joining the CJWF group. From the discussion it was obvious to me that there was little advance consultation about the objectives or goals of the SCA between Rabbis Polish and Seigman. Further, that Rabbi Arnold Wolf who was chosen to make the major statement for the SCA was going to do his "own thing" and that proved to be a critique of Jewish organizational life today. However, the group did enter the joint session resolved not to be negative but to offer a positive program for the integration of the synagogue's resources (rabbinical and lay) into that of the CJWF's program. At the same time, when and if the appropriate opportunity arose, to point out the insufficiencies of Federation's program viz-a-viz the synagogue, particularly in the area of education.

At the joint session we heard from Bob Adler, the Chairman of their Young Leadership and from two people who described local programs that were supposed to be examples of "success" in leadership development. Each stressed the need and yearning among their constituency for more "inspiration" and for more "religious" content. It reminded me of our efforts more than a decade ago to get congregations to have some D'var Torah at each Board meeting. It was simplistic. Their major approach to instilling Jewish content is still the one-shot sessions with the Greenbergs, Feins, et al

and the short, intensive trips to Israel which turns their people on and oft-times off in relation to the synagogue.

The rabbis pounded away at directly involving the local synagogues and their rabbis in an ongoing, joint program of leadership development which would encompass the totality of Jewish concerns in the local community, the nation and abroad. Brickner was eloquent and persuasive in urging that such joint efforts be tried in several communities as pilot projects. This seemed to strike a responsive chord but Zwibbel, waffled, by urging that the requests come from the community.

My contribution was a suggestion that a small group of rabbis, CJWF professionals and the Young Leadership be formed to devise one or more model or suggested Leadership Development Retreat~~x~~ outlines. With these available we could seek out communities where synagogues and Federations were interested in having weekend retreats for their leaders and potential leaders. The programs would be devised to mainly utilize local resources with possibly one or two personalities from the national or international (Israel) organizations, so that the full scope of Jewish concerns would be covered. This, in my judgment, would accomplish what we were advised is the major goal of the CJWF's program - "to assure the creative continuity of the Jewish community...to cultivate leadership by preparing them for all aspects of Jewish life including the religious, through the synagogue". That's an actual quote from their opening statement. If they really mean it, we ought to press them to implement it with a specific program, through the synagogue.



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January 7, 1975

Rabbi David Polish, Chairman
Committee on Synagogue-Federation Relations
Synagogue Council of America
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

Dear David:

In response to your letter of December 31, I am delighted to advise that Rabbi Balfour Brickner and Myron E. Schoen will represent the UAHC at the January 28 meeting in Chicago. Please send all information in regard to the meeting directly to them.

With every good wish for a stimulating and meaningful session with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Balfour Brickner
Myron E. Schoen

P.S. Brick & Myron: I will be eager to have a complete report on the meeting. Please keep me posted.



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We are most appreciative.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Moses Hornstein
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Director: RABBI BALFOUR BRICKNER

June 20, 1972

Dear Henry:

This is to inform you that the UAHC cannot and does not approve the resolution on busing as currently proposed by the Union of Orthodox Congregations.

It is our position that we would rather have no statement at all than the proposed statement that in our judgement fails to definitively enunciate a clear position.

If there is any attempt to rewrite the statement, we will be glad to reconsider the resolution.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Balfour Brickner

cc: Rabbis Eisendrath, Schindler, Hirsch,
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MEMORANDUM

Date January 17, 1969

From Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

To Al Vorspan

Copy for information of Earl Morse

Subject _____

In reference to Earl Morse's January 3d memorandum to you concerning the Henry Siegman-Synagogue Council statement on the pope, I mentioned this matter to Henry while enroute to Israel and he told me that this was a "presidential statement" not subject to the consent and not necessarily implying the consent of the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council.

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In this given instance, we more or less shared his views, but we may not always do so, especially when an Orthodox or a Conservative rabbi is in the leadership. This kind of loophole in the law ought to be eliminated. Don't you agree?

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We wrote
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January 17, 1969

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MEMORANDUM

Date January 3, 1969

From Earl Morse

To Al Vorspan

Copy for information of Rabbi A. M. Schindler

Subject _____

Confirming our conversation of this morning will you please arrange to either send a letter yourself, or have Balfour send one, to Rabbi Siegman expressing our concern over the administrative machinery involved in the issuance of the recent statement by the Synagogue Council.

As a coordinating agency, it is the responsibility of the Council and its staff to communicate with its constituents before issuing such statements. Certainly there is no excuse whatever that the staff people at the Union were not consulted.

It is important for me to have a copy of such a letter as this question may be raised on my visits to congregational boards.

In reference to future statements of this kind during the troublesome period which we are getting into I think this whole question should be subject to staff review and discussed with me on my return from Israel.

MEMORANDUM

Date February 3, 1965From Rabbi Balfour BricknerTo All members of the Synagogue Council of America PlenumCopy for information of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath and Jay Kaufman ✓

Subject _____

As per your request and my promise, I am enclosing a copy of the Constitution of the Synagogue Council of America. As you can see, it is 24 years old. While many suggestions have been made to update it and while there is supposed to be a committee working on its revision, to my knowledge, whatever changes have been proposed, have not been formally adopted. Hopefully, these changes will be made in the not too distant future.

The Synagogue Council office is preparing copies of the budget and as soon as it is available, I will send them on to you.

Regards.



CONSTITUTION

of the

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

As Adopted May 8, 1940

PREAMBLE

Whereas the synagogue is a basic and essential unit of our Jewish life, and whereas, it is desirable that the representative of the synagogues in America meet from time to time in order to take council together for the sacred purpose of preserving and fostering Judaism.

Be it resolved that a Council composed of representatives of national congregational and rabbinical organizations of America be formed for the purpose of speaking and acting unitedly in furthering such religious interests as the constituent organizations in the Council have in common; it being clearly provided that the Council interfere in no way with the religious and administrative autonomy of any of the constituent organization.

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "The Synagogue Council of America".

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2: The organizations constituting this Council shall be the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the United Synagogue of America, and such other similar national organizations as may be admitted from time to time.

Each constituent organization shall be entitled to fourteen members in the Council.

Delegates to the Synagogue Council shall be appointed or elected, in accordance with the procedure of each constituent organization, for a period of three years. At the first meeting of each constituent organization, following the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, six members shall be elected for a three year period, four for a two year period and four for a one year period. Thereafter all delegates shall be elected for a three year period. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing bodies to comply with the above schedule.

The Secretary of the Synagogue Council shall notify each constituent body of vacancies and expirations in their quota of delegates.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3: The officers of this Council shall be a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in May and hold office for one year, beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah.

Constitution of the Synagogue Council of America - Continued

An Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman at the first meeting of the Council in the fall. It shall be the duty of this committee to meet at least once each month, except during July and August, or at the call of the Chairman, to transact the business of the Council in the interim between the regular meetings of the Council.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to execute matters initiated and approved by the Council and to consider plans for any new activity which may be developed after the Council has given them due consideration and approval.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members of the Synagogue Council, of whom six shall be the current officers of the Council. The remaining six members are to be appointed so that each constituent organization shall be represented by two members of this committee, and also so that neither rabbis nor laymen shall constitute more than six members of the committee. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be not less than one representative of each of the constituent organizations.

PROCEDURE

Section 4: Every decision of the Council shall require the unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

A quorum for transacting the business of the Synagogue Council shall consist of not less than ten delegates among whom each constituent organization shall be represented by at least one.

AMENDMENTS

Section 5: Proposals for the amendment of the Constitution must be proposed by a constituent member of the Synagogue Council. These shall be considered at a meeting of the Council and thereafter forwarded to all the constituent members 45 days in advance of the meeting of the Council, when final action may be taken. Amendments to the Constitution shall require unanimous approval of the constituent organizations as expressed through a majority vote of the representatives present from each constituent organization.

BY-LAWS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Synagogue Council shall take place five times during the year. The first meeting shall be before Rosh Hashanah, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The subsequent meetings shall be held during November, January, March and May. Meetings shall be called for the second Wednesday evening of the months designated, except when this occurs on a Jewish, state or national holiday, in which case meetings shall be called on the nearest feasible date thereafter.

The meeting of the Council in May shall be designated the annual meeting, and shall be especially marked by the election of officers and the presentation of an annual financial report by the treasurer.

DUES

Section 2: Each constituent organization shall be required to remit annual dues to the Synagogue Council.

The Synagogue Council shall have the right to raise special funds necessary to enable the Council to carry on any activity under its direction.

The Treasurer shall be required to submit an annual budget for the approval of the Council at its first meeting in the fall.

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AMENDMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

All presidents of the Synagogue Council who have completed their terms of office shall automatically become honorary members of the Council and as each president of the Council shall complete his term of office he shall automatically become an honorary member of the Council. He shall have the right to take part in discussions of all matters before a stated meeting of the delegates but shall not have the right to vote unless he shall also be a duly accredited delegate of a constituent organization of the Council.

Section 3: The officers of this Council shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and two secretaries. They shall be elected at the annual meeting in June and hold office for one year beginning with the first meeting of the Council nearest to Rosh Hashanah. After the date of adoption of this section, no officer shall hold the same office for more than two successive terms.

The following amendments to the present Constitution were adopted at the Synagogue Council plenum in February, 1958.

Amendment to Section 2 (P.2&3)

Each constituent organization shall be entitled to fifteen delegates, to serve for a period of three years, arranged in time classes so that five delegates shall be appointed each year, beginning on January 1st of each year.

President constitution

14 delegates
for three years
6,4,4 cycle
no date specified

Amendment to Section 1 (P.3)

The officers shall take office immediately upon election. Formal ceremonies of installation may take place at such later time as the SCA may direct.

Elections in May,
installation in September

Annual meeting in June

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Constitution of the Synagogue Council of America - Continued

Amendment on Nomination

The Nomination Committee shall consist of six members, one from among the delegates of each of the constituent organizations. It shall send notification of its first meeting to all delegates and to the SCA, inviting recommendations, and shall report at the April meeting of the SCA, at which time nominations shall then be presented at the annual meeting in June, at which time elections shall be held. No further nominations shall be in order at the annual meeting.

Nominating
Committee and/or
procedure not
mentioned.

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Amendment on Committees

All other committees shall be composed of at least six members, one from among the members, though not necessarily from among the delegates, of each of the constituent organizations; non-delegates, however, may be appointed only with the consent of the chairman of the delegation of the constituent organization involved.

Committees (ex-
cept Executive
Committee) not
mentioned.

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December 2, 1963

Dr. Robert Leipsic, President
Reform Jewish Congregation
Merrick and Kirkwood Avenues
Merrick, L.I., New York

Dear Dr. Leipsic:

Many thanks for your letter of November 30th and the copy of the communication from the Joint Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law. This matter was brought to our attention on October 30th and we had no previous knowledge of this action prior to that time. We would, of course, never lend our name to such a statement had we been consulted.

I am enclosing a copy of the telegram which was immediately sent to Mr. Carlino as well as the other candidates who were seeking the office of Assemblyman from his district. Mr. Koenigsberg was also the recipient of a telegram indicating our complete and unalterable disapproval of his action. The Synagogue Council of America also sent communications in the name of its six constituents decrying this type of partisan politics without any authorization.

I am grateful for your interest and trust that our handling of this matter meets with your approval.

With kindest greetings and best wishes for a happy Hanukah, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Jay Kaufman

JK/ejm
encl.

RABBI:
SANFORD E. SAPERSTEIN

Reform Jewish Congregation
of Merrick

MERRICK AND KIRKWOOD AVENUES
MERRICK, NEW YORK

AFFILIATED WITH THE
UNION OF AMERICAN
HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

November 20, 1964

Dear Rabbi Kaufman,

The letter which I am enclosing, was brought to the attention of the board of trustees of our congregation by a member of the board to whom it was mailed.

After it was read to us, it was the feeling of the board that I write a letter to you condemning this obvious attempt to imply that Reform Judaism through its agencies was urging the election of Joe Carlino.

I am more than inclined to believe that Mr. Koenigsberg, in the heat of the campaign, resorted to using this tactic on his own volition - thus compromising the Union and other organizations listed directly and the congregations in the areas where Mr. Carlino was on the ballot.

We feel that the least you can do for us is to rebuke this offender and issue some kind of public disclaimer as a deterrent to future shenanigans with the stationery of organizations to which our parent organizations have lent their good names.

Cordially,

Robert Leipsic
Dr. Robert Leipsic-President

Joint Committee For A Fair Sabbath Law

15 PARK ROW (ROOM 435) NEW YORK, NEW YORK

TEL. CORTLAND 7-2070

BENJAMIN KOENIGSBERG
CHAIRMAN

October 26, 1964

Dear Friend:

We have some unfinished business to attend to. I refer to extending the Fair Sabbath Law to all sections of New York State.

This law guarantees to those of the Jewish Faith, and others who conduct their sabbath worship on a day other than Sunday, the same rights now afforded businessmen of other faiths.

The breakthrough on this issue came last year in the Legislature. A bill was introduced by Assembly Speaker Joseph F. Carlino providing Fair Sabbath coverage for the entire state. It was passed in the Assembly then amended in the State Senate to cover only New York City. The amended bill was then passed by the Assembly to put the Fair Sabbath concept on our State statute books for the first time. Mr. Carlino pledged he would again introduce a State-wide bill in 1964.

Speaker Carlino's role in this matter is perhaps best described by another of those who championed this cause in the Legislature, Assemblyman Joseph Kottler, a Democrat of Brooklyn. Here is what Mr. Kottler said during the debate in the Assembly:

"...I want to say here and now that those of us who have been carrying on this fight for decency and fairness to persons of every religious faith feel greatly thankful at this moment to one gentleman who has been the moving force in this step forward. I refer to our Speaker, Mr. Carlino.

"Mr. Carlino's devotion to the basic human rights of every citizen in this State was never more apparent than in his espousal of this great cause. At a moment when I would have been heartened by support from other sources, which I did not receive, I am especially grateful to the Speaker; and I want to say here and now, Mr. Carlino, thank you for your devoted work for all the people of the State in this basic human question."

Again at this year's legislative session, true to his pledge, Speaker Carlino introduced and won Assembly passage of a State-wide Fair Sabbath Bill. It did not emerge from Committee in the Senate. The Speaker has again pledged to continue his campaign for coverage throughout the State at the 1965 Session.

This legislation is not just of parochial interest to those of the Jewish faith. It is, as Mr. Carlino himself has said, "A matter of simple fairness. If it is good for the City of New York, there is no reason it should not extend to my home community of Long Beach and every other section of the State."

Without Carlino's leadership of this campaign in the Legislature, it stands little chance of getting anywhere. I urge that you help in any way you can to assure Speaker Carlino's re-election. He has earned our support.

Cordially,


Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

November 25, 1964

DATE

TO: MISS EDITH MILLER

FROM

RABBI PHILIP HIAT

Enclósures as requested.





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November 25, 1964

Miss Edith Miller
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838 Fifth Avenue
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JOSEPH CARLINO

52 EAST PARK AVENUE

THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
HAS LEARNED THAT THE COMMITTEE
FOR A FAIR SABBATH LAW HAS CIRCULATED
A LETTER OVER THE SIGNATURE OF IT'S
CHAIRMAN ENDORSING YOUR CANDIDACY. THIS
LETTER WAS WRITTEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION
AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUENT AGENCIES OF THE
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA. IT IS THE STATED
POLICY OF THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA NOT TO
ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE AND FOR THIS
REASON WE DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM THE LETTER AND
RESPECTIVELY

REQUEST THAT THE NAME OF THE COUNCIL NOT BE USED
FURTHER REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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RABBI PHILIP HIAT
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UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA

November 2, 1964

Dear Mr. Koenigsberg:

Two of our Synagogue Council Agencies have protested to me concerning your letter, on a letterhead including the listing of the Synagogue Council as a sponsoring organization, endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Joseph F. Carlino.

The Synagogue Council of America cannot and does not involve itself in direct political action of this sort and I am writing you to disassociate our council from the action involved in your letter. I am sure you understand our point of view in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

URI MILLER
PRESIDENT

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Mr. Benjamin Koenigsberg, Chairman
Joint Committee For A Fair Sabbath Law
15 Park Row (Room 435)
New York, New York

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UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH
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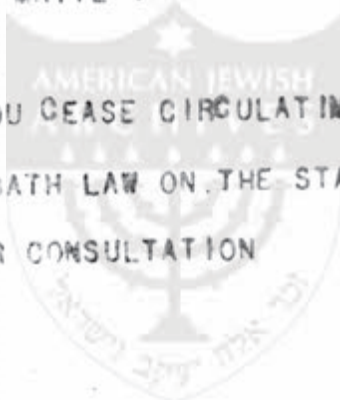
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REASON WE DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM THE LETTER AND
RESPECTIVELY REQUEST THAT THE NAME OF COUNCIL NOT
BE USED FURTHER REGARDING THIS MATTER."

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU CEASE CIRCULATING ANY
FURTHER LETTERS FOR A FAIR SABBATH LAW ON THE STATIONERY
OF THIS COMMITTEE BEFORE PRIOR CONSULTATION



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CALL
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1 Union of American Hebrew Congrs.

Mr. Benjamin Kensington
15 Park Row
New York, New York

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has today sent the following telegram to Assemblyman Joseph Carlino: "It has come to our attention that the Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law has issued under the signature of its chairman a letter endorsing your candidacy and urging your re-election. As one of the members of this committee whose name appears on its letterhead we wish to inform you that this letter was written without consultation with us and without our approval. It is the stated policy of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations not to endorse candidates for political office and we wish to inform you that we disassociate ourselves completely from this letter and request that you immediately cease distributing it."

Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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CALL LETTERS **F2M**

CHARGE TO

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

In view of the above, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations withdraws from the Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law, effective immediately, and requests that no stationary or other documents bearing our name be used by your Committee.

**RABBI JAY KAUFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS**

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Assemblyman Joseph Sarles		CC: Mr. B. Kenningsburg, Chairman	
52 East Park Avenue		Com. For a Fair Sabbath Law	
Long Beach, L.I., N.Y.		Syn. Council of America	
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1229—(2-4-55)

October 7th, 1964

Rabbi Uri Miller, President
Synagogue Council of America
5713 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore 15, Maryland

Dear Rabbi Miller:

From previous discussions and correspondence you are aware that the work of the S.C.A. Committee on Funeral and Burial Practices appointed by you has come to a practical stand-still as a result of our inability to get concurrence and cooperation from the representative of the U.O.J.C. While all the other Committee members have agreed in principle to a set of guide rules, in the absence of reasonable likelihood that we can act in unanimity there would seem to be no point in again assembling this group of busy and dedicated men.

Under the circumstances, unless you advise me otherwise, it is my present intention to disclose this situation at the Planary meeting on October 14th, ask to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Committee, suggest that the Committee be dissolved, and recommend that it be reported to the A.F.L.-C.I.O., which asked our assistance, that as a combined group we are not in a position to help them. Naturally then there would be no report to the U.S. Senate Sub-Committee investigating funeral industry practices; and each group would be free to pursue its own course, as indeed they are already doing.

My schedule does not permit me to attend every S.C.A. meeting. For this one I have given up my opera subscription. So I hope you will allow time on the agenda for the presentation of this report.

Sincerely yours,

HNR:js

cc: Rabbi Sidney Applbaum
Rabbi Norman Bernhard
Rabbi Samuel H. Dresner
Mr. Myron Schoen
Rabbi Herman E. Snyder

(Signed) Henry M. Rapaport



STATEMENT

October 5, 1964

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